

# WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013 AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Present:

**Parish Councillors:** P O'Halloran, K Barker, D Turner, D Pugh, L Moss, A Makepeace, I Parr  
**Unitary Councillors:** N Wright  
**Parish Clerk:** N Morris  
**PCSO:** P Hambleton

No concerns were expressed during the public forum.

### 1. Apologies for absence

*Resolved to accept apologies from Councillors B Cooke, D Cooke, R Casson and F Smith.  
Ward Councillors Byram and Hammond also sent their apologies.*

*Proposed: Cllr Makepeace*

*Seconded: Cllr Turner*

### 2. Declarations of any

**(a) disclosable pecuniary interests or**

**(b) other disclosable interests**

**As are required under Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.**

*No declarations were made.*

### 3. Request for Dispensation

The Clerk invited any members who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda to provide her with an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting.

*No applications were received.*

### 4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15 May 2013

*Resolved that the Minutes for the meeting held on 15 May 2013 be confirmed as a correct record:*

*Proposed Cllr Makepeace*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

### 5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting.

*The July meeting will take place at Thor premises and will begin with a tour at 7pm. The meeting will be open to the public as usual.*

*It was stressed that holding the Parish Council Meeting at the premises of Thor should not in any way imply any improper relationship between Thor and the Parish Council.*

### 6. A report was received from the Unitary Councillor.

- i. A new roundabout at the top of Leicester Street.
- ii. A Parish Councillor expressed the view that it was very short-sighted to restrict the size of the Northwich swimming pool to 6 lanes, rather than 8 lanes.

### 7. The following report was received from PCSO Hambleton.

#### Crime

- i. Theft of gas meter
- ii. Theft of £2000 equipment from THOR building site
- iii. Theft of 2 vehicles.
- iv. A male stopped for cannabis possession
- v. Suspicious package sent from Wincham Post Office

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

- i. Youths refusing to leave a party at Witton Albion, having been refused alcohol due to being underage.
- ii. Two reports of off road bikes, one on John Fryer Road and the other in Winnington Woods, at the end of Linnards Lane. Searches carried out, but the bikes have not been traced.

#### Speeding

Reports received of speeding vehicles on Pickmere Lane: checks carried out (7am-9am): 3 motorists reported for the offence.

### **Other**

- i. Sportative Projects sessions held in Street Dance, Boxing and Climbing. The final session (Ten Tin Bowling) being held 26/6.
- ii. 29<sup>th</sup> May an indoor climbing session took place with 9 young people attending from Wincham.

### **Plans**

- i. Pizza Night plans being made should be held towards the end of July.
- ii. PCSO attending the Summer Fayre (13/7)
- iii. PCSO attending the Year 6 end of school party (24/7)

*A Councillor commented on how low the crime rate is for Wincham (apart from the Industrial Estate).*

### **8. Consideration of the new agreement over the provision and funding of a PCSO for Wincham.**

*This item was postponed, awaiting receipt of the agreement.*

*It was suggested that the Clerk telephone the Commissioner to ask for this agreement to be finalised because retaining a PCSO is crucial to maintaining the low crime rate in Wincham. It was also suggested that the officer responsible for finalising the agreement be invited to the next Parish Council Meeting.*

### **9. An update was received from WCC representative.**

*The WCC representative passed around the accessibility survey for information. The WCC are discussing the report.*

### **10. Linnards Lane Playing Field:**

- i. The Clerk received the completed inspection sheets of the playing fields for the last month for the inspections conducted by councillors.
- ii. The Clerk circulated the new rota sheets for the period from July to November 2013.
- iii. Arrangements for the placing of the QEII plaque and the planting of the Royal Oak sapling were discussed. SID has a large pot if the sapling cannot go into the ground. A councillor volunteered to build a 3ft brick wall for the plaque and he will pay for the materials. The councillors present welcomed this suggestion and thanked the councillor.

### **11. Sub-Committees:**

- i. No sub-committee meetings were planned before the next Council Meeting.
- ii. The Christmas Tree Working Party reported that their deliberations were continuing. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform CW&C of the plans to have a Christmas tree. The deadline for such notifications was noted as being Monday 15 July.
- i. The Linnards Lane Playing Field Working Party investigating the viability of a toddler area reported that quotations have been received.
- ii. The HS2 Working Party reported that CW&C are consulting in September in Winsford. The formal consultation process starts in July. HS2 will organise drop in sessions, with 5 in Cheshire. The nearest will be Tatton Park or Winsford. Much of the route though Cheshire is through river flood plain and therefore will have to be raised up to 30 ft before building the railway on top. This is particularly the case near Wincham. It will be difficult to mitigate the visual impact.

*Unitary Councillor left the meeting*

### **12. Consideration was given to the current position with regard to HS2 and to the motion "Wincham Parish Council opposes HS2".**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council opposes HS2".*

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*Proposed Cllr Barker*

*Seconded Cllr Makepeace*

**13. Agreement was reached as to whom would write an article in the next newsletter about the current position of HS2 and that this should become (for the moment) a regular column in the newsletter.**

*Cllrs Moss and Parr volunteered to write an article, jointly.*

**14. To note that a drawing competition will be held at Wincham CP School to generate interest in the Linnards Lane Playing Field improvement scheme.**

**There would be infant and junior prizes of vouchers of 1<sup>st</sup> £10, 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 for each age from the Northwich Art shop. There will be publicity at the Summer Fayre and in the Wincham Word.**

**15. An assessment was made of the impact of the Litterpick and any actions for the future.**

*Cllr O'Halloran was the only councillor present. Ten bags of litter were collected. Thanks were extended to Pam Lavers for her help and enthusiasm. Miss Lavers and another resident intend to have a litter pick every month. The next general litterpick is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2pm. It will be mentioned in the Wincham Word. It was felt that next time, the team needed a plan to be most productive*

**16. Arrangements were finalised for the Wincham Primary School Summer Fayre.**

*The clerk was asked to obtain a banner for Wincham Parish Council. The clerk will provide copies of the toddler questionnaire and the bus survey and information for the playground competition.*

**17. Consideration was given to the wording for the questionnaire on rural transport around Wincham to be included in the Summer Edition of the *Wincham Word* and to be made available through the Wincham CP School Summer Fayre.**

**18. Consideration was given to a request for a £300 donation to The Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club. (Previous donations for £300 were made in June and November 2012.)**

*Resolved that Wincham Parish Council approves a donation of £300 to The Wincham and Pickmere Old Friends Club."*

*Proposed Cllr Pugh*

*Seconded Cllr Turner*

*The clerk was asked to draw up a grant application form for future requests for donations.*

**19. Consideration was given to Mrs Palin's letter concerning the proposed storage shed for youth equipment and theatrical lighting etc.**

*The clerk was asked to respond by saying that the Village People would insure and maintain the shed and would hold the only set of keys, but would allow use of the shed for the village. Access could be through the side gate. Cllr Makepeace would personally hold the keys and would be prepared to have a CRB check. The shed would be used to hold collapsible staging which could then be purchased. This would allow more plays to be staged and more funds would be generated for the village. The shed might also hold scenery and ladders. The ideal size for the shed would be 24ft x 16ft. The minimum size would be 10ft x 6ft.*

**20. Village Communication:**

- i. An update was received on the new village notice board
- ii. An update was received on the newsletter.
- iii. Changes for the village website were received...
- iv. An update was received on the Rural Arts Network.

**21. To consider the present position around Pickmere Lake.**

*A resident sent an e mail to Mr Seward, the head of the Steve Holden team.*

*The clerk was asked to invite Mr Seward to the September meeting of WPC.*

**22. Planning:**

a. Permissions granted since the last Council Meeting:

- i. 13/0117/FUL 17 Pear Tree Drive
- ii. 13/00666/ful Manor Farm Marston

b. Permissions refused since the last Council Meeting:

**None**

c. Applications discussed:-

- i. **13/01770/FUL**

**PROPOSAL:** Discharge of conditions 7,11 and 21 on planning permission 13/00504/S73 requiring details of construction method statement, wheel cleaning and HGV and construction traffic management plan

## No Objection

**LOCATION:** Land rear of Victoria House, Wincham Lane, Wincham, Northwich

ii. 13/01969/FUL

PROPOSAL: Demolition and clearance of the Victoria Stadium (including two stands and all ancillary structures).

LOCATION: Victoria Stadium, Wincham Avenue, Wincham, Northwich.

## No Objection

### 23. Accounts:

i. *Resolved : to authorise the payments below:*

*Proposed Cllr Makepeace*

*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

Current Account as at 3.6.2013	£200.00
Business Reserve Account as at 3.6.2013	£31,945.74
Bonus Saver Account as at 4.4.2013	£5,793.10

- a) Wincham Community Centre :  
Hire of the Centre for Parish Council meetings for  
the year from May 2013 to April 2014 £94.60
- b) Simon Roberts  
Print services for 1000 copies of spring 2013 newsletter £428.00
- c) Donation to Wincham & Pickmere  
Old Friends Club £300.00
- d) Clerk's salary for June 2013 £305.94
- e) Clerk's expenses:
- i. 3xEpson black ink £23.37
  - ii. 1xEpson magenta ink £8.49
  - iii. 1xEpson cyan ink £8.49 £40.35
- f) Sabeka Timber Products (for new footpath signs.  
Funds to be taken from those held for the purpose by Wincham PC)
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| Signposts | £912.00 |          |
| VAT       | £182.40 | £1094.40 |
- ii. Letter to Nat West Bank  
*Resolved to approve the proposed letter.*  
*Proposed Cllr Makepeace*  
*Seconded Cllr Pugh*

### 24. Correspondence:

These were noted.

### 25. Any Other Business.

- i. Cllr Makepeace would like to start a drama group in the village and will write an article in the Wincham Word about the drama group.
- ii. The clerk was requested to put on the next agenda funding for the Village People.
- iii. A resident said there was an eyesore over Lower Wincham.
- iv. The clerk was requested to put on the next agenda a question as to what was happening over the travellers' issue.
- v. The clerk was requested to write to CW&C about the new staircase and fence erected by Site Services.

**Members Note:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the premises of Thor at Wincham Lane, Wincham. (Tours will be conducted from 7pm)

*The meeting closed at 9.55. pm.*

*Naomi Morris  
(Parish Clerk)  
1.7.2013*